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SUBJ: NETHERLANDS VISIT OF VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM WILL COMPLETE HIS OFFICIAL THREE DAY VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS TODAY, JULY 7. NOTEWORTHY POINTS IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE ON THE VISIT ARE: (1) THE NEED TO ACHIEVE FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, (2) THE CONCLUSION THAT DEMOCRACY IS THE MOST DESIRABLE FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE WELFARE OF PEOPLES, AND (3) THE GOVERNMENTS WISH TO CONTINUE, AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME AREAS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES.

2. A DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMMENTED PRIVATELY THAT ESCOVAR'S VISIT WAS LARGELY A RETURN OF DUTCH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL'S JANUARY 1976 TRIP TO  
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VENEZUELA. DUTCH-VENEZUELAND TALKS HAVE BEEN GENERAL IN NATURE, SAID THE OFFICIAL, ALTHOUGH ON THE ISSUE OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES ISLAND OF ARUBA, "IT LOOKS AS IF BENEZUELA MAY BE WILLING TO GET THE MATTER OVER AND DONE WITH AT THE NEXT ROUND OF DISUCSSIONS".

3. THE DUTCH PLAN TO DISCUSS WITH THE NETHERLANDS  
ANTILLES GOVERNMENT DATES FOR CONTINENTAL SHELF DISCUSSIONS IN  
ARUBA LATER THIS YEAR. POINTS WHICH REMAIN  
TO BE SETTLED INCLUDE THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING THE MEDIAN  
LINE CONCEPT, AND WHETHER SLIGHT DEPARTURES OF SEVERAL  
MILES FROM THE MEDIAN WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.  
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